

Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2009; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1507. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "USERRA Quarterly Report to Congress; Second Quarter of FY 2009"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1508. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled, "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1509. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer of the Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Increase in Tax Rates on Tobacco Products and Cigarette Papers and Tubes; Floor Stocks Tax on Certain Tobacco Products, Cigarette Papers, and Cigarette Tubes; and Changes to Basis for Denial, Suspension, or Revocation of Permits (2009R-118P)" (RIN1513-AB70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Kristina M. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

*Steven Elliot Koonin, of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

*Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).

*Hilary Chandler Tompkins, of New Mexico, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

*Scott Blake Harris, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SHELBY:

S. 932. A bill to repeal the current Internal Revenue Code and replace it with a flat tax, thereby guaranteeing economic growth and greater fairness for all Americans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 933. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002 to reauthorize programs to address remediation of contaminated sediment; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BENNET, Mr.

CASEY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 934. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve the nutrition and health of schoolchildren and protect the Federal investment in the national school lunch and breakfast programs by updating the national school nutrition standards for foods and beverages sold outside of school meals to conform to current nutrition science; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. KERRY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 935. A bill to extend subsections (c) and (d) of section 114 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-173) to provide for regulatory stability during the development of facility and patient criteria for long-term care hospitals under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 936. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 937. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure that sewage treatment plants monitor for and report discharges of raw sewage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 938. A bill to require the President to call a White House Conference on Children and Youth in 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 939. A bill to establish national and State putative father registries, to make grants to States to promote permanent families for children and responsible fatherhood, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 940. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 941. A bill to reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, modernize firearm laws and regulations, protect the community from criminals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 942. A bill to prevent the abuse of Government charge cards; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. THUNE:

S. 943. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to waive the lifecycle greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements for renewable fuel production,

and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 944. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretaries of the military departments to give wounded members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces the option of remaining on active duty during the transition process in order to continue to receive military pay and allowances, to authorize members to reside at their permanent places of residence during the process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. REID):

S. 945. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 946. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to provide additional legal authorities to adequately protect the critical electric infrastructure against cyber attack, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 947. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the treatment of certain physician pathology services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. COBURN):

S. 948. A bill to provide for the Office of Management and Budget to direct all executive departments and agencies to submit a separate category for administrative expenses when submitting appropriations requests and for a reduction in such administrative expenses for fiscal years 2010 through 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LUGAR, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 949. A bill to improve the loan guarantee program of the Department of Energy under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, to provide additional options for deploying energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 950. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize physical therapists to evaluate and treat Medicare beneficiaries without a requirement for a physician referral, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. TESTER):

S.J. Res. 14. A joint resolution to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated: